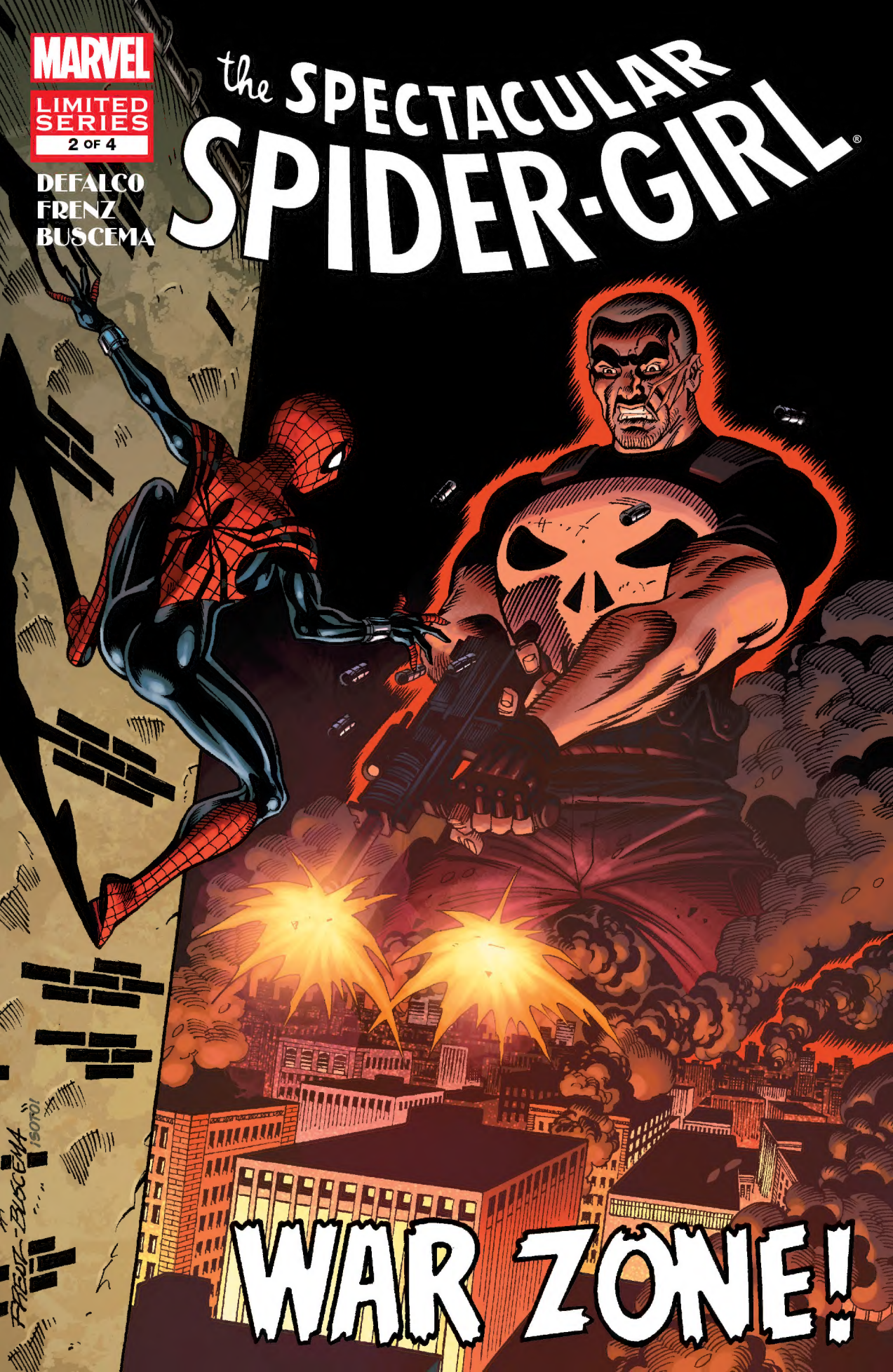
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IN THE SHADOW OF DEATH!
There's an old cliché about desperate times calling for Blah Blah Blah!
Not only is New York in the grip of a vicious gang war, the Punisher is back in town.
I'm talking the original, take-no-prisoners, shoot-em-all Frank Castle bogeyman that super heroes used to scare sidekicks.
People are going to die unless I end the war--
--which is why I'm suddenly going all Darkdevil on these poor slobs.
My name is May "Mayday" Parker--
--and I am the daughter of Spider-Man.
Sorry to ruin your evening, gentlemen.
I need to know who declared war on the Black Tarantula, the city's current Crime Czar.
And where do I find him?

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Forget it, Webs! We ain't got nothing to--
=URRK=
Oh, I'm pretty sure you'll eventually open up.
It's all a matter of time and endurance.
My time.
Your endurance.
Hope ya got all night, lady.
We been beat on by the best.
Doubt it.
This is my first visit to your lovely establishment.
Although time could become a factor.
I need to wrap this up before Wild Card tracks me down.
He's already beaten me once and threatened to kill me the next time we--
Oops! Almost caught napping.
Yer mask's too tight if you really think we'll rat out Don Silvio and--
Bingo! We have a winner.
Okay, genius! First prize is your very own supply of--
--impact webbing!
LIGHT
I believe you mentioned a Don Silvio--?!
Barraca.
Speak up, son! The tight mask affects my hearing.

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May "Mayday" Parker

HOME SEARCH INVITE HELP LOGOUT

INFO

NAME:	Mayday Parker
LOCATION:	Forest Hills, Queens
SCHOOL:	Midtown High
RELATIONSHIP:	Proudly Single
MOOD:	Determined

STATUS

The name's May "Mayday" Parker, and I'm the webbed wonder known as THE Spectacular SPIDER-GIRL! I recently discovered that I have a clone – the family took her in and she's taken on the guise of April Parker, our cousin. April's got powers of her own thanks to symbiote blood – and a mean streak to match as Mayhem!

The City's been locked in a vicious gang war – and my old pal, Black Tarantula seems to be leading the charge. Tarantula's got some honor, but ultimately, like his opponent, Silverback, he's a criminal and out for power.

I promised Dad and Mom I'd stay out of the fight and I've kept to that promise. But it doesn't sit well with me that I'm at home while people are dying in the streets. Something's gotta give.

That something? Frank Castle: The Punisher. He's been living in retirement in South America, but when he got word of the gang war, he got on the move – and is heading right for New York City!

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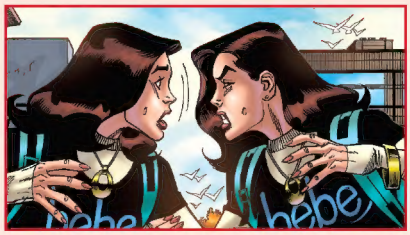

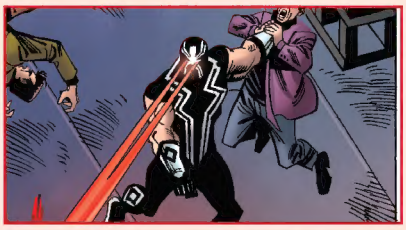

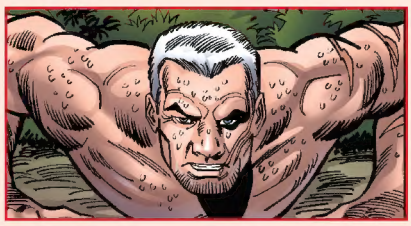

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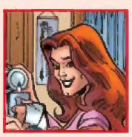
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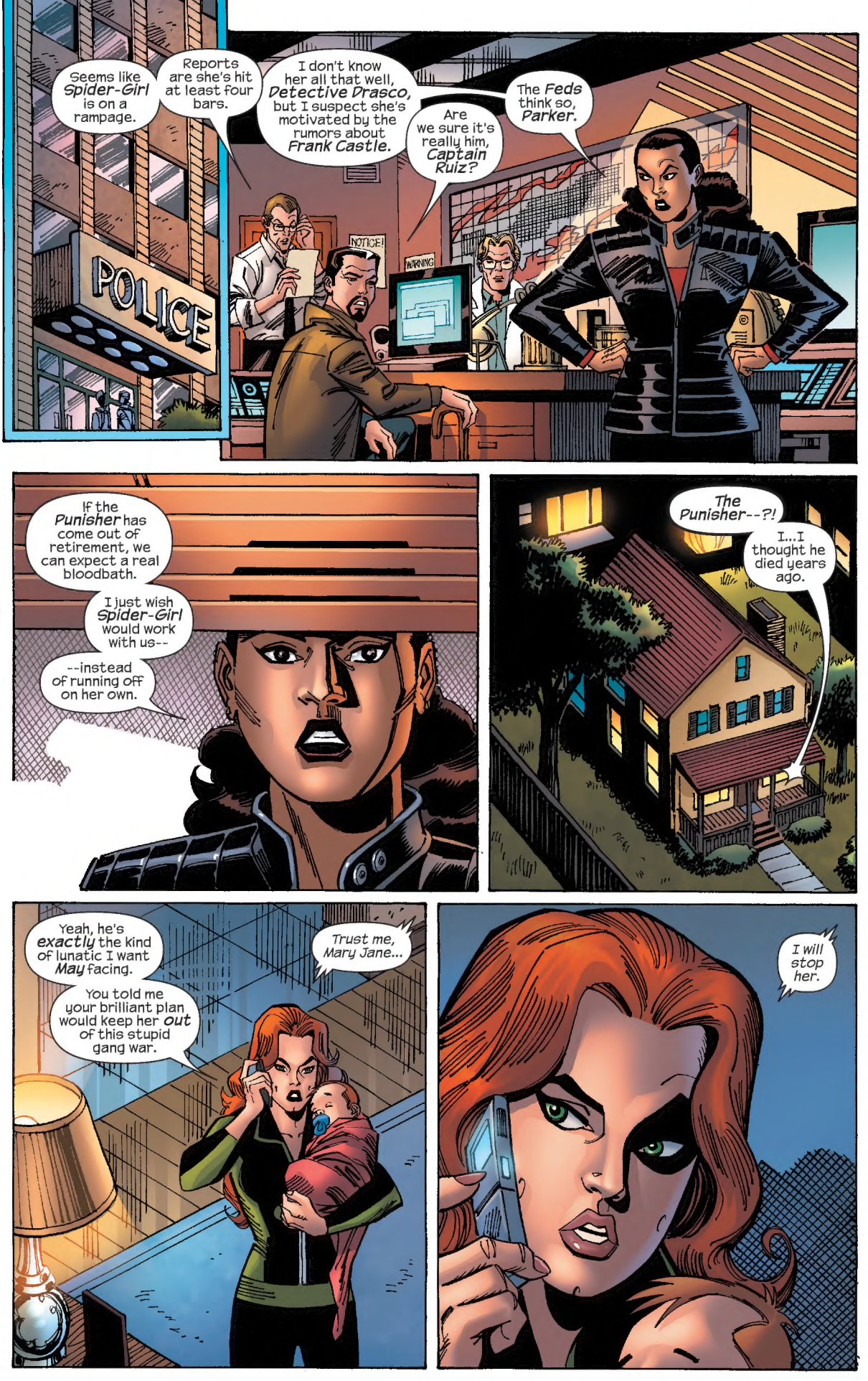
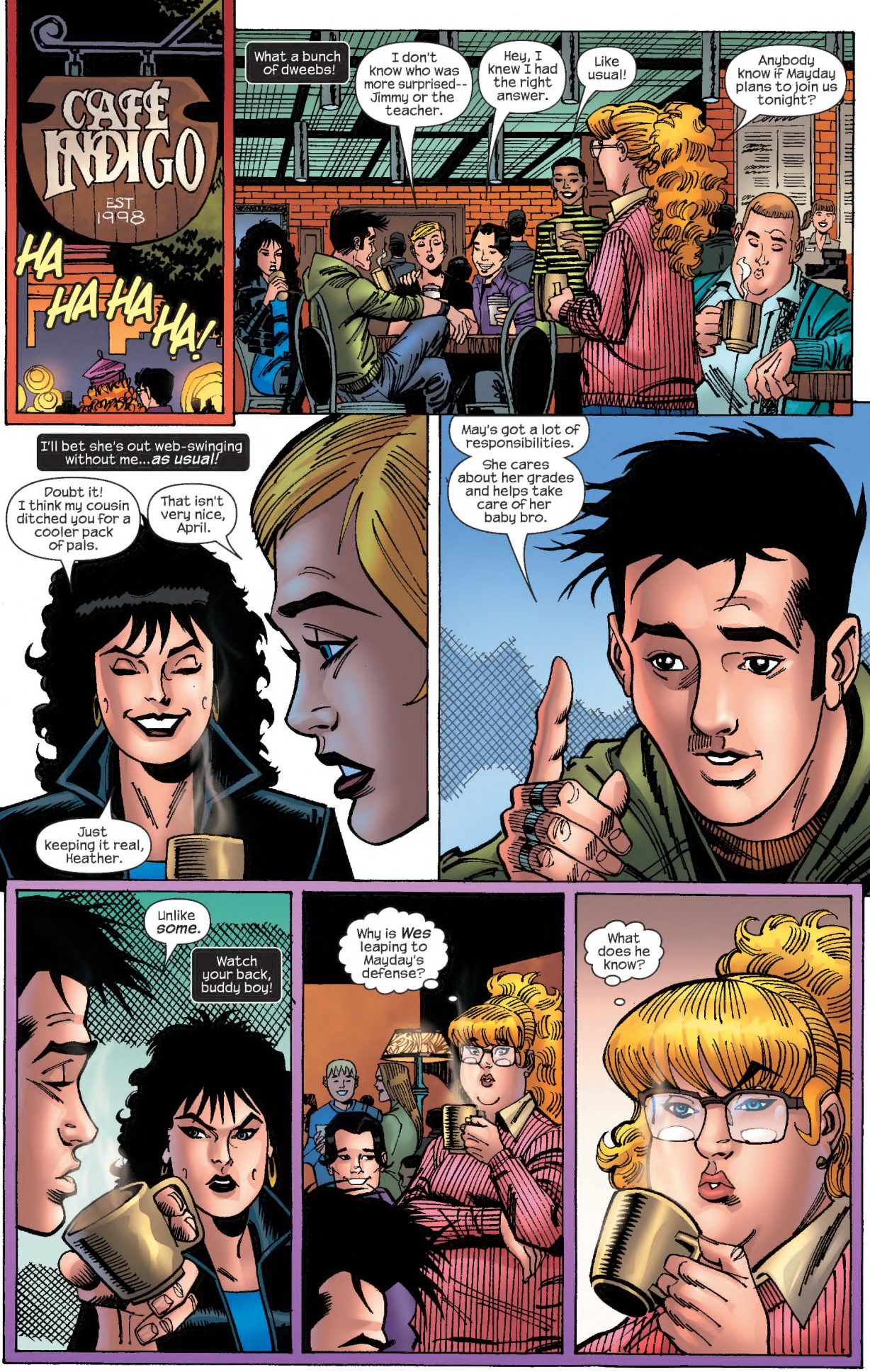

POLICE
Seems like Spider-Girl is on a rampage.
Reports are she's hit at least four bars.
I don't know her all that well, Detective Drasco, but I suspect she's motivated by the rumors about Frank Castle.
Are we sure it's really him, Captain Ruiz?
The Feds think so, Parker.
NOTICE!
WARNING
If the Punisher has come out of retirement, we can expect a real bloodbath.
I just wish Spider-Girl would work with us--
--instead of running off on her own.
The Punisher--?!
I...I thought he died years ago.
Yeah, he's exactly the kind of lunatic I want May facing.
You told me your brilliant plan would keep her out of this stupid gang war.
Trust me, Mary Jane...
I will stop her.


CAFÉ INDIGO
EST 1998
HA HA HA HA!
What a bunch of dweebs!
I don't know who was more surprised--Jimmy or the teacher.
Hey, I knew I had the right answer.
Like usual!
Anybody know if Mayday plans to join us tonight?
I'll bet she's out web-swinging without me...as usual!
Doubt it! I think my cousin ditched you for a cooler pack of pals.
That isn't very nice, April.
Just keeping it real, Heather.
May's got a lot of responsibilities.
She cares about her grades and helps take care of her baby bro.
Unlike some.
Watch your back, buddy boy!
Why is Wes leaping to Mayday's defense?
What does he know?

"What does he *think* he knows?"
Care for another sip, genius?
Anybody know how long this webbing stuff is supposed to last?
About an *hour*.
EXIT
Don't do anything stupid and no one will get hurt.
I'm guessing you're the man to see...
Tell me *exactly* what you told the web-head.
LIGHT
Uhhh...
Sure.
KLICK
:sigh:
I warned you about *stupid*.
KPOK!
POK!
KA-POOM!

Arrrgh! I hate playing super-bully. I'm supposed to protect people, not threaten them!
Still, I can understand the allure of cutting loose--
--and certainly can't argue with the results.
What have you got for me on Barraca, Normie?
Quite a bit, actually.
OSBORN PLAZA
CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS
Seems Silvio Barraca AKA Silverback was the last of the old-school mobsters.
Belonged to an organization called the Maggia.
While Wilson Fisk was uniting the independent gangsters and taking a more corporate approach to crime--
--Silvio and his crew still reveled in blood oaths, omertas and vendettas.
It is widely speculated that the Punisher crippled Silvio--
--and left him alive as a warning to others.
All we know for sure is that the Maggia was finished--
--and so was Frank Castle.
His war with the mob was finally over.
Explains why he's back!
He heard about Silvio--

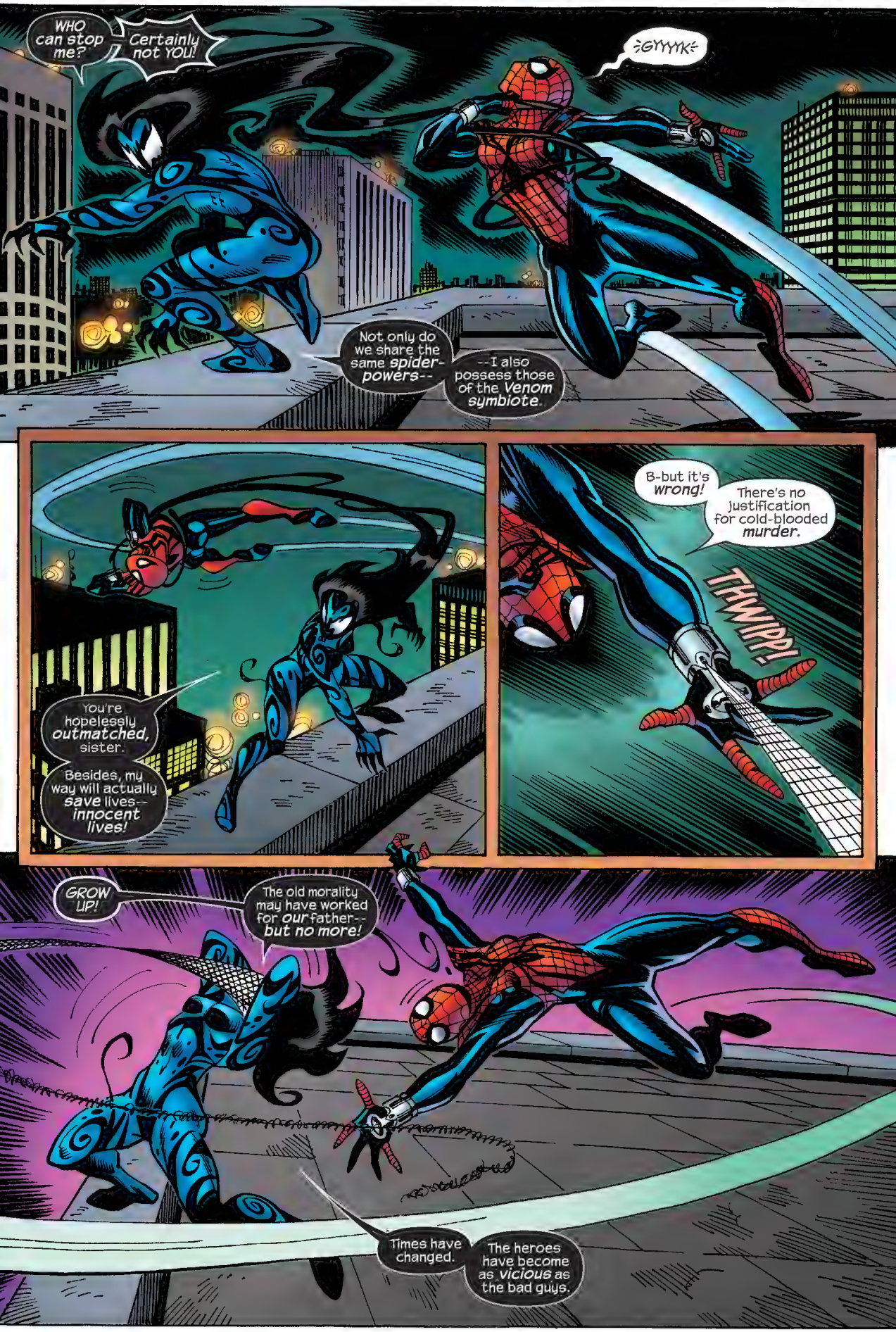
"--and this is personal!"
Forget about Spider-Girl, American Dream and all the other angry costumes, my friend--
--I got it on good authority that Frank Castle is back in town.
I was you, I'd find a deserted island.
You, of all people, should know me better than that, Drasco.
MIDTOWN S
Silvio Barraca fears NO ONE!
Marko! Get hold of our pet masks!
The time has come to go nuclear and end this gang war!
W-What's the plan, Don Silvio?
The Black Tarantula! Spider-Girl!
Clear'em OFF the board!
We're going SCORCHED EARTH!

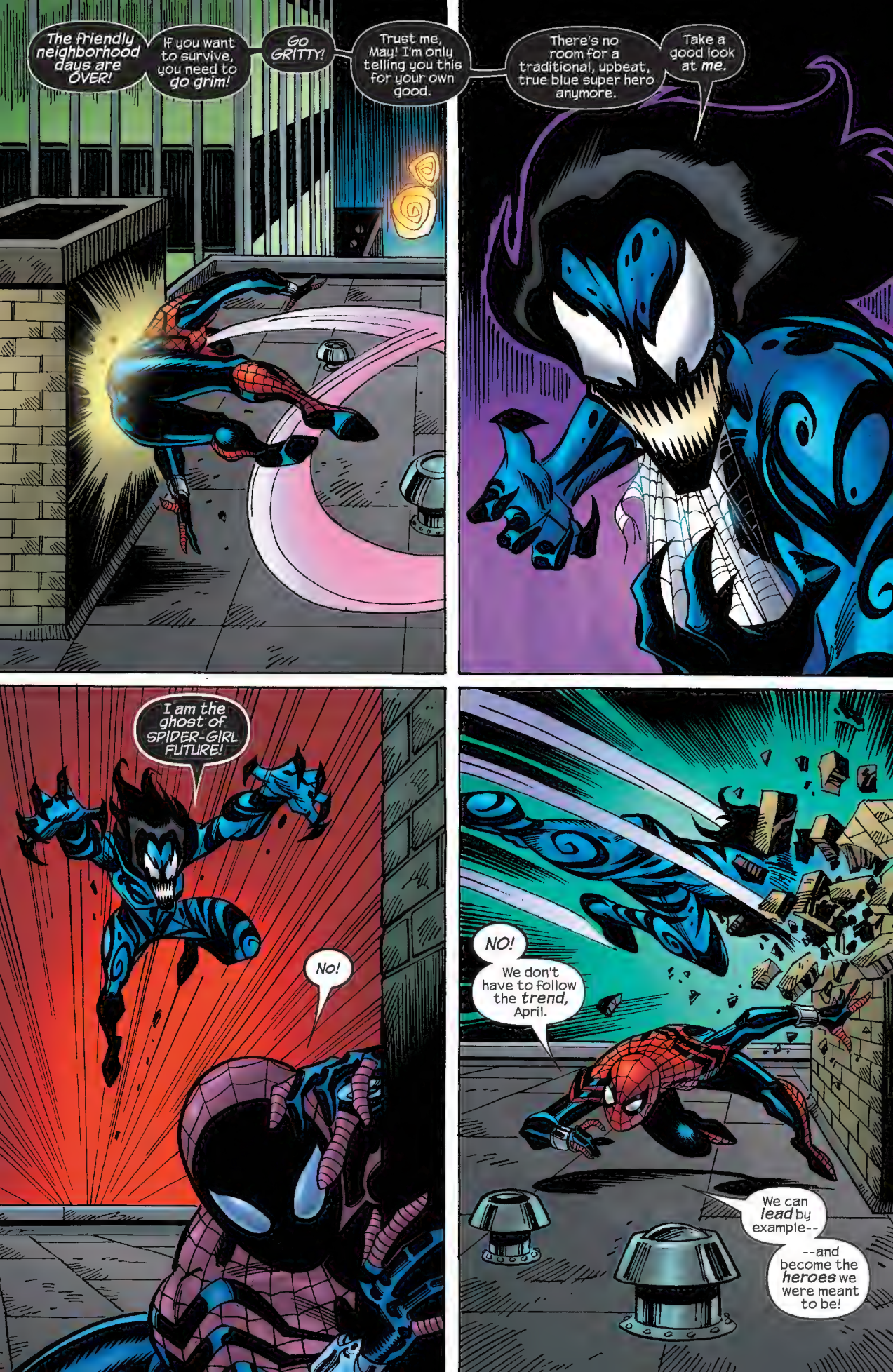
KPOK! POK! KA-POOM!
VALENTINE MOTORS
KPOK! POK! KA-POOM!
We got this mook covered, Mr. Valentine.
Uhhh... that's good, Tony!
You keep him occupied while I slip out my secret escape hatch and call for reinforcements.
You hear me, Tony?
Tony?
D'ohh!
You're Richie Valentine.
Me--?!
Nah!
Just a customer, waiting on a brake job.
I know this is a chop shop and you work for the Black Tarantula.
I figure he's the one gave me the heads-up up on Silvio--
--but NOBODY plays the PUNISHER!
No problem...
B-Black Tarantula? Silvio? Punisher?
I...I swear... I don't know any of these people.
KWA-BWOOM!
I'm sure he'll get the message.

What's wrong with me?
CAFÉ INDIGO
I hate the way May's parents boss me around, can't stand her friends and find her life boringgggggg.
So why am I so jealous of her?
Why do I still want her life and--
RRRRRING!
Hallelujah!
I was hoping he'd call.
I am so out of here!
This is my chance to forget about May.
It's the only time I don't care which of us is the original.
(Even though I'm still convinced she's my clone!)
This is when April Parker truly comes into her own as--
--the merciless MAYHEM!

According to Normie, Don Silvio has a mansion in Brooklyn and--whoa!
T-that's April!
She's wearing a freaky new union suit, but I'd recognize her anywhere.
Why is she dressed like that?
Where's she headed in such a hurry?
Looks like she's waiting for--oh, no!
Man Mountain Marko!
What's April doing with a mobster like that?
I hope you know what's at stake.
The big boss, himself, chose you for this mission.
He won't be disappointed, Marko.
The target's as good as dead.

We're all counting on ya, kid.
Yeah...
I was wondering when you'd drop in, May.
In case you forgot, I have a spider-sense, too.
What are you doing, April?
I'm finally stepping out of your shadow--
--by ending the gang war!
H-how--?!?
No more dithering or worrying about anyone's feelings.
I'm going proactive by modeling myself after the Punisher--
--and KILLING all the bad guys!
Starting with the BLACK TARANTULA!
:sigh:
No.
You won't.
You can't.

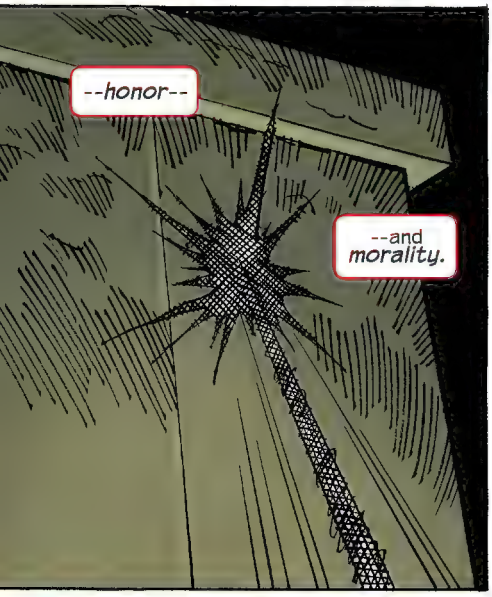

WHO can stop me?
Certainly not YOU!
=GYYYYK=
Not only do we share the same spider-powers--
--I also possess those of the Venom symbiote.
You're hopelessly outmatched, sister.
Besides, my way will actually save lives-- innocent lives!
B-but it's wrong!
There's no justification for cold-blooded murder.
THWIPP!
GROW UP!
The old morality may have worked for our father-- but no more!
Times have changed.
The heroes have become as vicious as the bad guys.

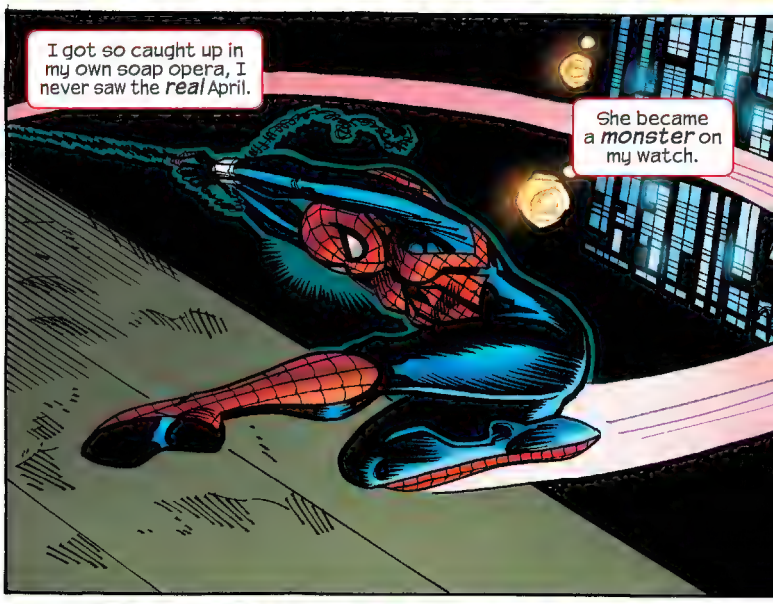

The friendly neighborhood days are OVER!
If you want to survive, you need to go grim!
GO GRITTY!
Trust me, May! I'm only telling you this for your own good.
There's no room for a traditional, upbeat, true blue super hero anymore.
Take a good look at me.
I am the ghost of SPIDER-GIRL FUTURE!
No!
NO!
We don't have to follow the trend, April.
We can lead by example--
--and become the heroes we were meant to be!

I believe in the friendly neighborhood route--
--and really hope you'll choose to join me.
We both know that's never going to happen.
I might consider it--
--after I whack the Black Tarantula.
Even if you could get past me--which is still debatable--what makes you think you can beat him when I never could?
You couldn't defeat Tombstone, either.
He left you for dead--
--so I showed him!
Y-you killed Tombstone?!
THWAKKKK!
Who do you think did it--the EASTER BUNNY?!
You are soooooooo out of the loop.
He wasn't even my first.
Certainly won't be my last!

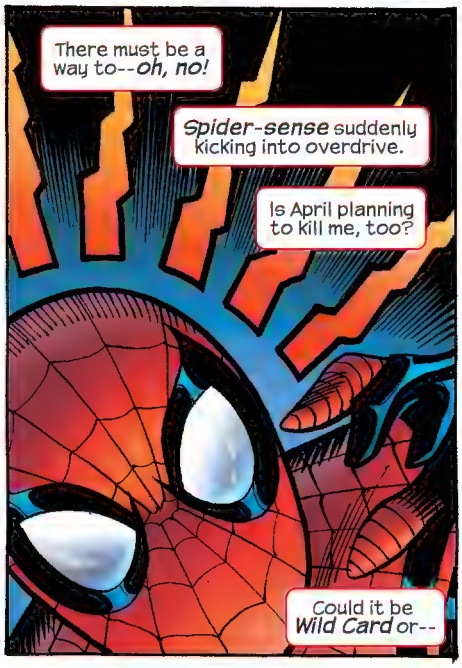
I... *failed.*
April is my *clone.*
My *responsibility.*

It's my job to show her the ropes.
Teach her about *justice*--


--*honor*--
--and *morality.*


I got so caught up in my own soap opera, I never saw the *real* April.
She became a *monster* on my watch.

How do I bring her back from the *edge*--
--without going over myself?


There must be a way to--*oh, no!*
Spider-sense suddenly kicking into overdrive.
Is April planning to kill me, too?
Could it be *Wild Card* or--

We need to *talk.*
Hope you're not as *pigheaded* and *naive* as your old man.
TO BE CONTINUED--!

My name is Benjamin Richard Parker, but my big sister just calls me...
Li'l Benjy
THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-BABY
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MIDTOWN TYKES DAY CARE
FLIP!
SPIN!
THUMP!
I'M STARTING TO WORRY ABOUT LI'L BENJY.
THE POOR CHILD ALWAYS SEEMS SO TIRED.
THE END!

RED, WHITE AND KA-BLOOEY!
They say there are no more heroes.
Encased within the flying battle-suit originally called *Project: Human Fly*, sixteen-year-old *Jack Jameson*--*JJ* to his friends--proves them wrong on a daily basis.
A *gang war* has recently erupted in New York City and the *Buzz* is on *full alert*.
Yo, Richie!
Someone just ripped a *big one...uhhh...* a few blocks *behind* me.
KWABOOOM
Very helpful, Brain Boy. You have an internal compass--use it!
Kind of hard to do when I'm in the middle of a loop-de-loop.
How's about I just zip around so you can catch it on your monitor?

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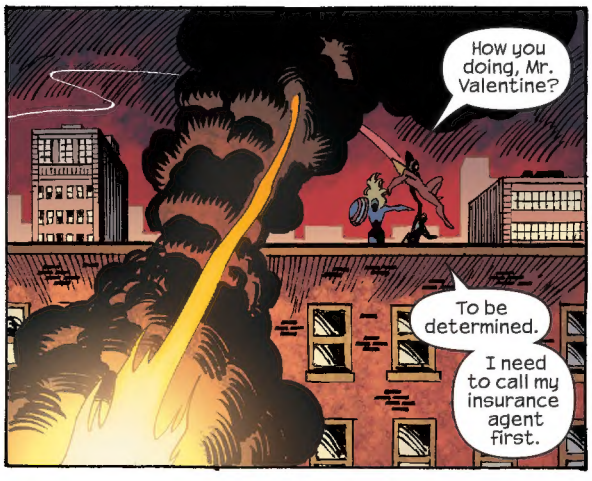
We good?
Yeah.
Valentine Motors.
I've already punched it into the police data--
oh, no!
VALENTINE MOTORS
Seems the cops have this place flagged as a suspected chop shop.
Owner's a guy with a major rap sheet named Richard Valentine, also known as "Handsome Richie".
Don't be bitter! You'll always be the handsomest Richie to these buggy eyes.
Man, you really have to get out more!
Police scanner indicates that Fire and Rescue are already enroute.
No need for you to risk the suit in a building filled with combustibles.
You hear me, JJ?
JJ--?!
Ahhhh, man! Why can't you ever listen to the tech guy?
Too impulsive and inquisitive, I guess.
Insane is more like it!
Whatever! I need to see if anyone's in here.

Smoke is pretty thick.
Hard to see.
Switch to infra-red and 360° vision, knothead.
Uhhh... right!
Oops!
Looks like you were right about those combustibles, Rich!
PRESSURE AT MAXIMUM
It's a garage, idiot!
Love the unconditional support, bud.
Good thing I'm here, though.
Acoustics have detected a heartbeat.
HELP!
Get me OUT of here!
Mr. Valentine, I presume.
How's about we save the formal introductions until after the rescue?
Easy, dude.
My bug zapper will free you.
Hands OFF the civilian, masked man!
What the--?!

Last time I checked, there was a warrant for your arrest, Buzz.
So I assume you're a player in this gang war.
Not me!
I'm a lover, not a gangster.
Any chance you guys could settle this outside?!
Richie, it's American Dream--in the ever-loving flesh!
She looks like a cross between 7 of 9, Eliza Dushku and Lindsey Vonn.
BOOYAH!
Try to stay focused, stud.
That place is going to blow!
Roger that!
Unfortunately, she moves as fast as Spider-Girl and keeps blocking the exits.
So make your own!
Time's running out, JJ.
The temps are red-lining!
Yeah, but I can't leave her behind.
Why not?

BWA-WHOOM!
I just love it when a beautiful woman throws herself at me.
How do you feel about haymakers?
Why should I do that?
Just hold on and keep your shield above us!
So I can make like a hero!
QWAMM!
If you're really a good guy, why are the police after you?
Long story.
I'll tell it to you over a romantic dinner sometime.
Like that's ever going to happen!
MOTORS
Ouch! She shot you down and completely cut off your--

KWA-BWA-TWOOM!


How you doing, Mr. Valentine?
To be determined.
I need to call my insurance agent first.

Hoo-boy! This gang war has gotten totally out of hand.
It's gotta be stopped before this whole city goes up in flames.
Can I count on your help?
Uhhh... sure.
Why the hesitation, Hero-Man?
It's a school night--
--and I have a curfew.
THE END?

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ALONG CAME A SPIDER!

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